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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Shinji NOZAKI et al.  
Serial No.: 09/656,138  
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For: NETWORK RELAY APPARATUS  
Group: 2661  
Examiner: B. Phunkulh

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 20, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2004, the period for reply thereto being extended one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire April 27, 2005, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.